GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Counting of Wild Animals
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether counting of wild cats, lions, tigers, leopards, panthers etc. has been carried out in various wildlife sanctuaries in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the year in which counting of wild animals was done last and the comparative data of every species of animals therein; and
(c) the annual rate of increase in population of such animals, sanctuary-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a), (b & (c) Census of major flagship species is undertaken at the State-level by the respective State/Union Territory Governments periodically. However census of tiger and elephant is undertaken at the national level once every four and five years respectively. State-wise comparative estimated population of tigers, elephants, rhino and lions, as available with the Ministry, is given in the Annexure.

There is a general trend of increase in the population of tiger, elephants, rhino and lions in the country.

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